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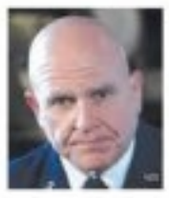

1 White House national security adviser H.R. McMaster said on Sunday it was time for tough talks with Russia over its support for Syria's government and its "subversive" actions in Europe. Speaking on ABC News' "This Week" program, McMaster said Russia's backing of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government has perpetuated a civil war and created a crisis that has bled over into Iraq, neighboring countries and Europe. "So Russia's support for that kind of horrible regime, that is a party to that kind of a conflict, is something that has to be drawn into question as well as Russia's subversive actions in Europe," McMaster said. "And so I think it's time though, now, to have those tough discussions Russia." REUTERS

US WEIGHS OPTIONS AFTER N. KOREA MISSILE TEST

2 The U.S., its allies and China are working together on a range of responses to North Korea's latest attempted ballistic missile test, President Donald Trump's national security adviser said, citing what he called an international consensus to act. "We are working together with our allies and partners and with the Chinese leadership to develop a range of options," national security adviser H.R. McMaster said on "This Week." "This latest missile test just fits into a pattern of provocative and destabilizing and threatening behavior on the part of the North Korean regime," McMaster said. He said the president has asked the national security council to integrate the efforts of the Defense and State departments and U.S. intelligence agencies to develop options if "this pattern of behavior continues. REUTERS

TOP US COURT TACKLES RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

3 The U.S. Supreme Court is set this week to hear a closely watched case testing the limits of religious rights, and new Justice Neil Gorsuch's judicial record indicates he could tip the court toward siding with a church challenging Missouri's ban on state funding of religious entities. Gorsuch, who embraced an expansive view of religious rights as a Colorado-based federal appeals court judge, on Monday hears his first arguments since becoming a justice last week. He will be on the bench on Wednesday when the justices hear the Trinity Lutheran case, one of the most important of their current term. Gorsuch, appointed by President Donald Trump, restored the Supreme Court's 5-4 conservative majority. REUTERS

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

BABY BOY

4 After weeks of suspense, April the giraffe finally gave birth on Saturday to a baby boy, delighting hundreds of thousands of people who have been monitoring a live cam feed from a New York zoo in anticipation of the long-overdue event. April, who had been due to give birth in January or February at Animal Adventure Park in Harpursville, in western New York, was pregnant for at least 16 months, compared with the typical gestation period of 15 months, according to zoo officials.

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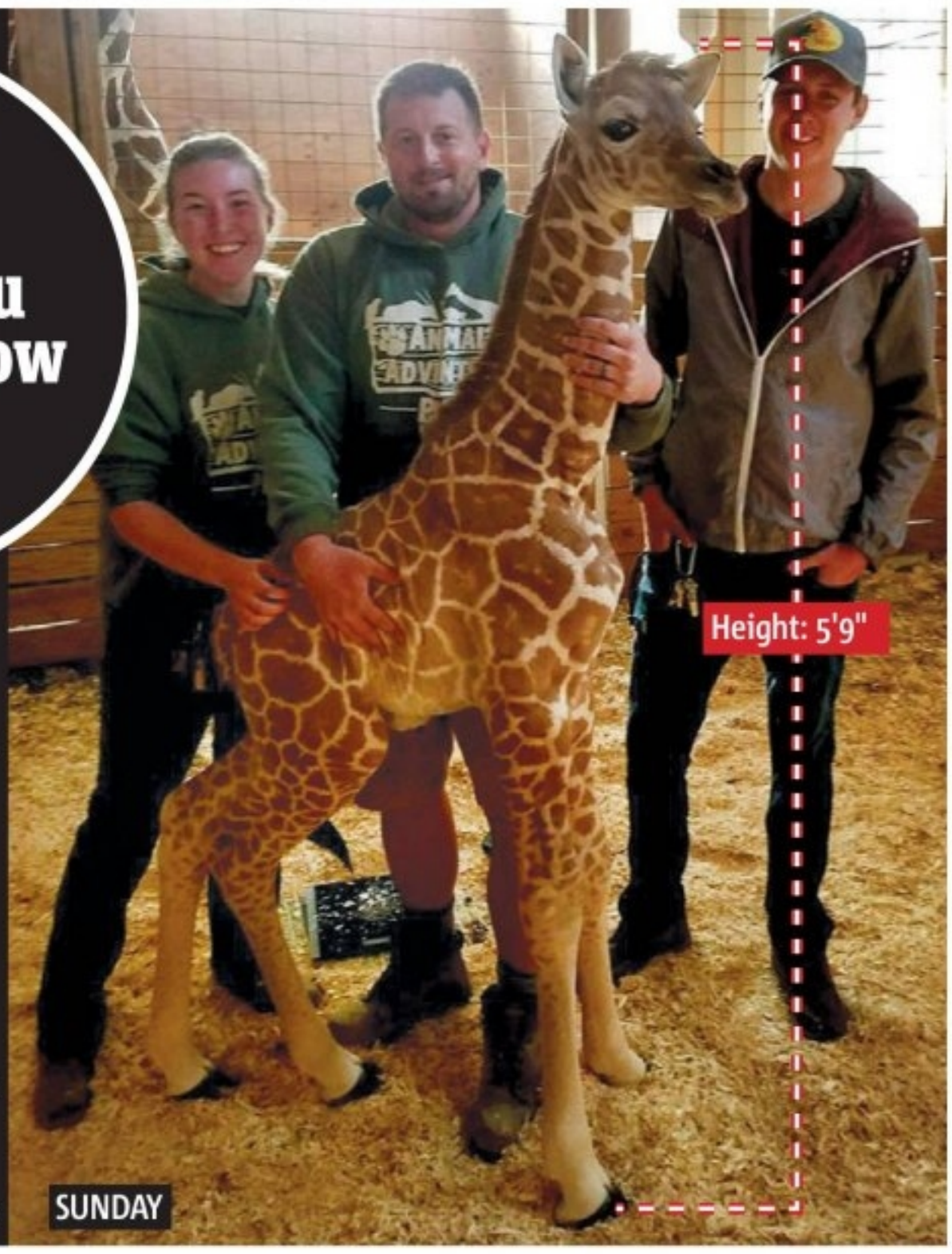

TURKEY'S ERDOGAN DECLARES VICTORY

5 President Tayyip Erdogan declared victory in a referendum on Sunday to grant him sweeping powers in the biggest overhaul of modern Turkish politics, but opponents said the vote was marred by irregularities and they would challenge its result. Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast and its three main cities, including the capital Ankara and the largest city Istanbul, looked set to vote "no" after a bitter and divisive campaign. Erdogan said 25 million people had supported the proposal to replace Turkey's parliamentary system with an all-powerful presidency, giving the "yes" camp 51.5 percent of the vote. That appeared short of the decisive victory for which he and the ruling AK Party had aggressively campaigned. Nevertheless, thousands of flag-waving supporters rallied in Ankara and Istanbul in celebration. REUTERS

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OPINION

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President Donald Trump is finding that many domestic and foreign issues are complicated. GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump loves his Twitter. Everybody knows that. He's been adamantly tweeting his gut reactions, 140 frantic characters at a time.

But with his first 100 days quickly winding down, our Twitter-happy president is suddenly finding refuge — on Facebook this time.

"It's complicated" is Trump's new go-to phrase.

That purposely opaque formulation has been employed by millions of Facebook users who want to duck the profile question: "Relationship status?" Instead of "married" or "single" or "in a relationship," they chose the classic two-word dodge: "It's complicated."

Well, check this out: From China to Obamacare, from Vladimir Putin to Kim Jong-un, our cocksure president is dishing up that very same Facebook obfuscation: It's complicated … far more complicated than I imagined … more complicated than anybody knew.

North Korea's nuclear threat? "After listening for 10 minutes" to Chinese president Xi Jinping, Trump told The Wall Street Journal, "I realized it's not so easy. I felt pretty strongly that they had a tremendous power over North Korea. But it's not what you would think." None of this is easy, he complained. "The magnitude of everything is so big, and also the decisions are so big, you know, you're talking about life and death."

And this comes as a major surprise?

We got our first glimpse of "it's complicated" as Trump was struggling to repeal and replace Obamacare, which he'd promised to do on Day 1. "Now, I have to tell you, it's an unbelievably complex subject," he told the nation's governors at the White House. "Nobody knew health care could be so complicated."

Actually, lots of people knew. Hillary Clinton. Barack Obama. Pretty much anyone who'd ever taken a breath in Washington over the past two decades. But it's not just health care. Lots of things are complicated down there. Immigration policy. The Middle East. Terrorism.

Nuclear proliferation. The march of technology. The decline in manufacturing. The role of China in our economy. The squeeze on working-class jobs. Tax policy. Social issues. Paying for stuff. You name it. It's all complicated.

If these problems were easy, don't you think they'd have all been solved years ago?

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Demonstrators reject Trump's suggestion that protesters were paid to organize Tax March

A protester holds a sign during a Tax Day rally and march in Center City. GETTY IMAGES

Thousands of Philadelphians joined the nationwide demonstration to demand that President Donald Trump disclose his tax documents and the man in the Oval Office tweeted his response: Who paid the protesters?

The protest at Thomas Paine Plaza on Saturday was one of more than 180 that were planned from coast to coast.

The Philly demonstrators marched down Market Street, past City Hall and to Independence Mall.

The marches coincided with the traditional April 15 deadline for federal tax returns, though the filing date was pushed backed two days this year.

Organizers of the national "Tax March" wanted to call attention to Trump's refusal to disclose his tax history, as his White House predecessors have done for more than 40 years.

Among the marchers was an oversized inflatable rooster, sporting an angry expression and a sweeping metallic orange hairdo meant to resemble Trump's signature style.

The chicken symbolizes that Trump is "chicken" for not releasing his income tax returns, explained Gwen Snyder, executive director of Philadelphia Jobs With Justice, which organized the Philadelphia march.

Trump fired off two tweets in response to the marches.

"Someone should look into who paid for the small organized rallies yesterday. The election is over!" Trump tweeted at 6:13 a.m. on Easter Sunday. A few hours later, he posted another message on Twitter: "I did what was an almost an impossible thing to do for a Republican-easily won the Electoral College! Now Tax Returns are brought up again?"

Tax March organizers rejected Trump's insinuation.

A march organizer in New York City remarked that Trump's tweets indicated that the nationwide protest was somewhat successful.

"I think all of us are happy that he heard us, just for one simple reason, it's the point of protests," said organizer Wes Shockley. "Like all things Trump, his reaction becomes so erratic and nonsensical, and it further demonstrates the problem with his presidency."

Democratic state Sen. Daylin Leach told the crowd at Independence Mall that Trump should feel obligated to release his tax documents.

"Presidents owe us the highest level of transparency," he said.

Leach introduced a bill that would require candidates for president and vice president to disclose their federal tax documents. Failure to do so would bar the candidate from appearing on the state's official ballots.

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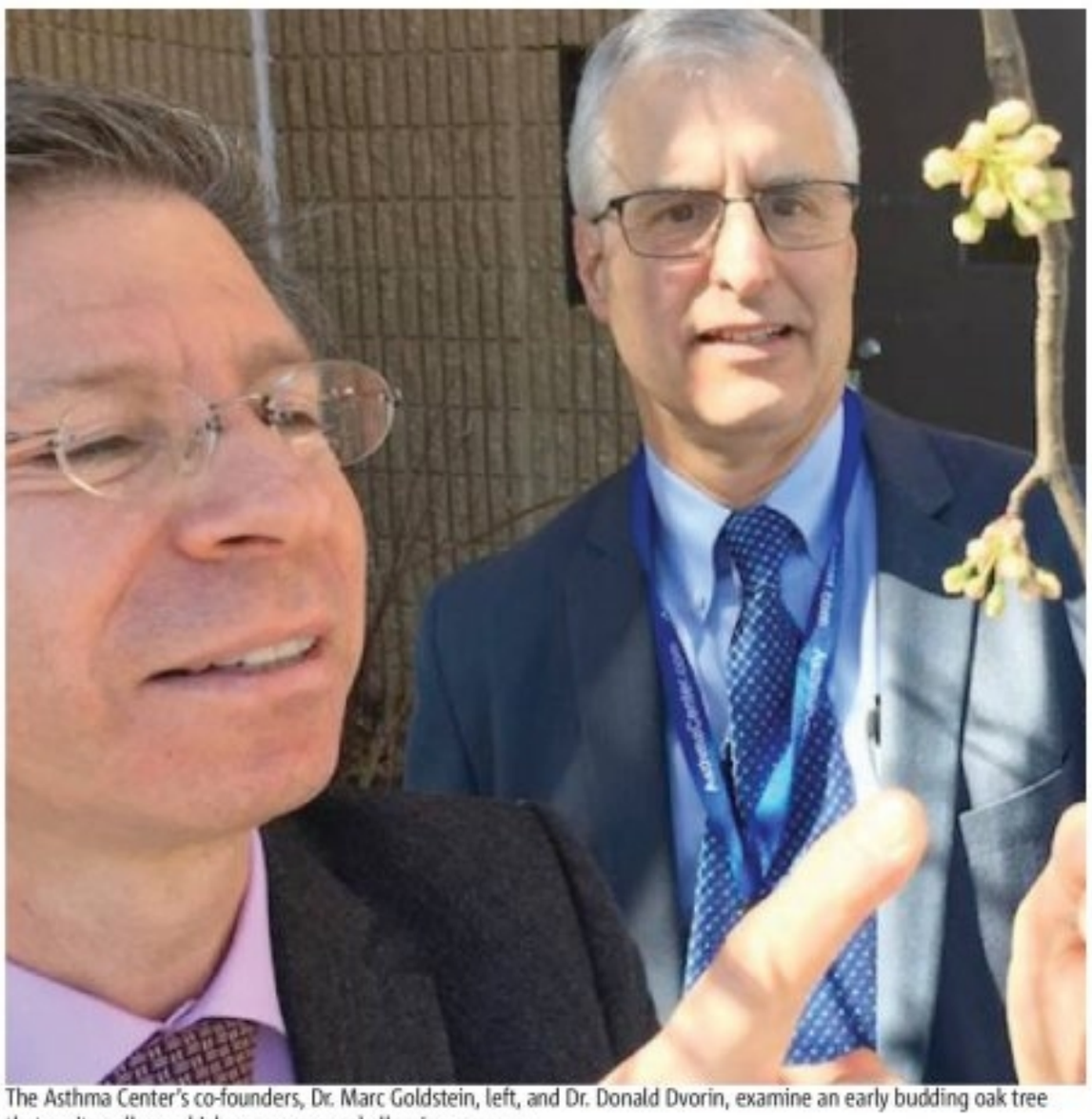

The Asthma Center's co-founders, Dr. Marc Goldstein, left, and Dr. Donald Dvorin, examine an early budding oak tree that emits pollens which cause seasonal allergies. PROVIDED

Spring means high pollen and seasonal allergies for some

Headaches, sluggishness and other symptoms are common as temperatures warm.

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Philadelphians are flocking to enjoy more time outdoors with the arrival of spring. But ironically, the warm temperatures can mean suffering for people with seasonal allergies.

With a sudden spike in temperatures, April has become a high pollen month in the Philadelphia region, said Dr. Donald Dvorin, cofounder of The Asthma Center.

"This week, the trends are much higher for tree pollen," Dvorin said Thursday. "Patient reports are definitely worse. Our patients are coming in very sick with upper-respiratory symptoms and some asthma symptoms, such as wheezing."

Each day, the Asthma Center posts online what the pollen count in Philadelphia and South Jersey is like. And warm weather always brings high pollen counts to the Delaware Valley. Trees begin to open up and release pollen when temps go above 40 degrees.

People exposed to high pollen can experience flulike symptoms including headaches, sore throat, and lethargy.

Persistent cough, "eye twitching" and sinus headaches are also among the most common complaints in 2017, Dvorin said.

This April's pollen count is not significantly higher than past years. But this year's unusual winter, with spikes of springlike temperatures followed by bitter cold, did cause irregularities in the pollen cycle, Dvorin said.

Maple trees are producing less pollen than usual, as their release period coincided with the cold weather, while oak trees are producing more, he said.

"In February, when we had those warm days, we saw a sudden surge of pollen. The early tree pollen went up dramatically," Dvorin said. "That's very unusual for February, but that pulled back as soon as the cold hit in February and March."

Dvorin advised anyone who suffers from adverse reactions to the pollen to take antihistamines and nasal sprays if possible. Those who are symptomatic can check pollen counts daily on The Asthma Center's website and plan to limit their outdoors time when the count is high, he said. And anyone who is symptomatic should try to change their clothing and if possible take a shower when they get home, to avoid exposure to pollen that may have accumulated on their clothing over the course of the day.

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Death toll from Aleppo bus bomb attack at least 126

The death toll from a bomb attack on a crowded bus convoy outside Aleppo has reached at least 126 in the deadliest such incident in Syria in almost a year, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said on Sunday.

The Observatory and the United Nations cited reports that more than 60 children were among the dead.

Syrian rescue workers of the Civil Defense said that they had taken away at least 100 bodies from the site of Saturday's blast, which hit buses carrying Shi'ite residents as they waited to cross from rebel into government territory in an evacuation deal between the warring sides.

The British-based Observatory said the number was expected to rise.

Those killed were mostly residents of the villages of al-Foua and Kefraya in Idlib province, but included rebel fighters guarding the convoy, the Observatory said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which pro-Damascus media said was carried out by a suicide car bomber.

Syria's main armed opposition condemned the bombing, with groups fighting under the banner of the Free Syrian Army describing it as a "treacherous terrorist attack".

Pope Francis, in an Easter message, also condemned the attack, describing it as "ignoble," and asking God to bring healing and comfort to what he called the "beloved and martyred Syria".

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Security fences surround the National Security Agency's Utah data collection center in Bluffdale, Utah, near Salt Lake City. GETTY IMAGES

Hacker files show how NSA breached global money transfer system

Documents and computer files released by hackers provide a blueprint for how the U.S. National Security Agency likely used weaknesses in commercially available software to gain access to the global system for transferring money between banks, a review of the data showed.

On Friday, a group calling itself the Shadow Brokers released documents and files indicating NSA had accessed the SWIFT money-transfer system through service providers in the Middle East and Latin America. That release was the latest in a series of disclosures by the group in recent months.

Matt Suiche, founder of cybersecurity firm Comae Technologies, wrote in a blog post that screen shots indicated some SWIFT affiliates were using Windows servers that were vulnerable at the time, in 2013, to the Microsoft exploits published by the Shadow Brokers. He said he concluded that the NSA took advantage and got in that way.

"As soon as they bypass the firewalls, they target the machines using Microsoft exploits," Suiche told Reuters. Exploits are small programs for taking advantage of security flaws. Hackers use them to insert back doors for continued access, eavesdropping or to insert other tools.

"We now have all of the tools the NSA used to compromise SWIFT (via) Cisco firewalls, Windows," Suiche said.

Reuters was not able to independently verify the authenticity of the documents released by the hackers. Microsoft acknowledged the vulnerabilities and said they had been patched. Cisco Systems Inc has previously acknowledged that its firewalls had been vulnerable.

Cisco and the NSA did not reply to requests for comment. Belgium-based SWIFT on Friday downplayed the risk of attacks employing the code released by hackers and said it had no evidence that the main SWIFT network had ever been accessed without authorization.

It was possible that the local messaging systems of some SWIFT client banks had been breached, SWIFT said in a statement, which did not specifically mention the NSA.

Because tracking sources of terrorist financing and money flows among criminal groups is a high priority, SWIFT transfers would be a natural espionage target for many national intelligence agencies. REUTERS

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Wall Street banker Cohn moving Trump toward moderate policies

Cohn is a key administration link to business executives and White House sources say he will lead the charge for Trump on top domestic priorities such as tax reform, infrastructure and deregulation.

Gary Cohn, director of the National Economic Council, arrives to attend a joint news conference between President Donald Trump and Theresa May, U.K. prime minister, not pictured, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 27. GETTY IMAGES

In a White House marked by infighting, top economic aide Gary Cohn, a Democrat and former Goldman Sachs banker, is muscling aside some of President Donald Trump's hard-right advisers to push more moderate, business-friendly economic policies.

Cohn, 56, did not work on Republican Trump's campaign and only got to know him after the November election, but he has emerged as one of the administration's most powerful players in an ascent that rankles conservatives.

Trump refers to his director of the National Economic Council, as "one of my geniuses," according to one source close to Cohn.

More than half a dozen sources on Wall Street and in the White House said Cohn has gained the upper hand over Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, the former head of the right-wing website Breitbart News and a champion of protectionist trade opposed by moderate Republicans and many big companies.

"Gary's singular focus is tax reform and he's working to try and get that done in 2017," said Orin Snyder, a partner at law firm Gibson Dunn and a longtime friend of Cohn.

"He is working to implement the president's twin goals of economic growth and job creation. The tax plan will also include a reduction in the corporate rate, but also tax relief for middle- and low-income Americans."

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Some conservatives fear Cohn may push through a tax plan that is unnecessarily complicated and argue that including tax relief for middle- and low-income Americans would not spur economic growth as much as cuts focused entirely or mostly on businesses and entrepreneurs.

Adam Brandon, president of the conservative group FreedomWorks, is disappointed Trump is not charging ahead with a plan unveiled last year during his campaign that would slash taxes on businesses and wealthy individuals.

That plan was shaped heavily by Stephen Moore, an economic policy expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation think tank, who advised Trump's campaign. But it has since been shelved.

"I don't like the idea of scrapping it and starting over again," Brandon said.

A senior administration official said the White House has started from scratch on the tax plan and, while setting business tax cuts as the highest priority, is consulting with lawmakers, economists and business leaders before taking it to the Republican-led Congress.

Two administration officials said reports that the White House was considering a carbon tax and a value-added tax were incorrect, but that other ideas were on the table. "We are considering a multitude of options for tax reform," a White House official said on Sunday.

Associates of both Trump and Cohn say the two have developed a bond. People who have worked with Cohn say he is loyal, direct and assertive, traits that Trump likes.

Crucially, Cohn also has the trust of Jared Kushner, Trump's adviser and son-in-law, and his wife Ivanka, Trump's daughter.

Cohn hired his staff more quickly than other top officials, building a reputation for competence in an administration hurt by early missteps over health-care reform and a travel ban, the sources said. REUTERS

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MIDDLE EAST

Hundreds gather at attacked Egyptian church to mourn bombing dead

Hundreds of members of Egypt's Christian minority Copt community gathered at a church in the city of Tanta on Easter Sunday to mourn those killed in a suicide bombing there a week earlier.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the Palm Sunday attack on the church and the bombing of another church in Alexandria on the same day, attacks that killed 45 people in total.

Amid heavy security, worshippers filed past a flower-strewn memorial at the Mar Girgis church, with incense burning, and offered prayers.

Copts throughout Egypt, where they make up about 10 percent of the population of 92 million, have been attending Easter services in somber mood following the bombings.

The government imposed a three-month state of emergency in the wake of the Palm Sunday attacks, but some in Tanta wondered why the authorities had not acted to prevent the attacks in the first place.

Nassir Munir, who came to mourn the dead, said: "We are paying our condolences to them and to their families and it is a bad situation."

But he said authorities had only introduced security measures after the bombing, which killed 27 people at the Tanta church.

"Why now? I do not understand," he said.

The Abbot of the Mar Girgis church, Beshoy Wadea, said: "We do not want the norm to be that they start moving only when crisis strikes."

Coptic Christians, whose church dates back nearly 2,000 years in Egypt, say they have long suffered from persecution but this has gotten worse since Islamic State started attacking them. The group claimed responsibility for a church bombing in Cairo in December that killed 25 people. REUTERS

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WSJ: Kushner in talks to sell stake in real estate tech firm

President Donald Trump walks along the West Wing colonnade with his son-in-law and Senior Adviser to the President for Strategic Planning Jared Kushner. GETTY IMAGES

Jared Kushner, a senior level White House official and son-in-law of President Donald Trump, is in talks to sell his stake in a real estate technology company as he attempts to pare his numerous business ties, according to a report by the Wall Street Journal.

He is in the late stages of negotiating a deal to sell his stake in the company, called WiredScore, to a group of investors that include Los Angeles-based Fifth Wall Ventures, the Journal said. It was unable to determine the price of the stake or the identity of other group members.

Kushner is working to exit other business investments as well, as the Trump administration faces criticism for not doing enough to rid its senior officials of potential conflicts of interest.

He disclosed earlier this year that his stake in the WiredScore was worth $5 million to $25 million. Founded in 2013, WiredScore assesses the speed and quality of office buildings' internet connections.

Earlier this year, Kushner said in a federal disclosure form that he was "in the divestment process" of his holdings in WiredScore's owner, Broadband Proliferation LLC, where he is a managing member. REUTERS

ELECTION

Far-left veteran Melenchon draws big crowd as French election enters final straight

Far-left candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon drew tens of thousands to a rally on Sunday, aiming to maintain momentum that has pushed the one-time outsider into contention in the French presidential election, with the first round of voting a week away.

Opinion polls show the top four candidates — centrist Emmanuel Macron, far-right leader Marine Le Pen, conservative Francois Fillon and Melenchon — within touching distance of each other before the April 23 first round after a surge by Melenchon in the last few weeks.

The polls tip Macron to beat National Front leader Le Pen in a runoff between the two leading candidates on May 7.

The outside possibility of a second-round showdown between Le Pen and Melenchon, both of whom propose a referendum on France's membership of the European Union if their attempts to overhaul the bloc fail, has raised concern among some investors after last year's shock British vote to leave the bloc. REUTERS

The handcuffed Javier Duarte, former governor of the Mexican state of Veracruz, is escorted by police following his arrest in Panajache, Guatemala. GETTY IMAGES

Fugitive Mexican ex-governor arrested for graft, awaits extradition

Javier Duarte, wanted on charges of graft and organized crime, was detained in a hotel lobby in the picturesque lakeside town of Panajachel, 80 miles west of Guatemala's capital, the national police said in a statement.

Javier Duarte, a former Mexican state governor on the run from police for more than five months who has come to symbolize corruption within the country's ruling party, was arrested on Saturday night in Guatemala and now awaits extradition.

Local television footage showed a calm Duarte, formerly governor of Veracruz state, being led by police outside the hotel on Saturday night, his hands cuffed behind his back.

Duarte, who has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, was at the hotel using an assumed identity along with his wife; she has not been charged with any crimes.

"He wanted to pass as a Mexican tourist," said Stu Velasco, deputy director of Guatemala's national police.

Duarte, 43, was transferred early on Sunday to the Matamoros prison in downtown Guatemala City, a facility known for holding drug traffickers and former Guatemalan government officials charged with corruption.

Rodrigo Sandoval, a Guatemalan lawyer representing Duarte, visited him at the prison Sunday morning.

"I had the opportunity to talk with Mr. Duarte, and he says he's waiting for his extradition and for his lawyers in Mexico. My understanding is that he will accept extradition," said Sandoval.

A news conference at the Mexican embassy later on Sunday was expected to further clarify the extradition process Duarte faces.

Agriculture and oil-rich Veracruz, on Mexico's Gulf Coast, is one of Mexico's largest states, and it has historically been a stronghold of President Enrique Peña Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Elected governor in 2010, Duarte presided over a sharp deterioration in security in the state punctuated by the discovery of mass graves and a spate of killings of journalists during his watch.

He has been accused of carrying out massive personal enrichment schemes with illicit resources, potentially totaling in the hundreds of millions of dollars and involving assets in Mexico and abroad.

Duarte is charged with using ghost companies to transfer and hide public funds. REUTERS

NATIONAL

Three dead in Colorado mountain home in apparent triple homicide

Two men and a woman were found dead from traumatic injuries inside a mountain home in Colorado on Saturday in a suspected triple homicide, police said.

Three bodies were found in a house in Coal Creek Canyon, about 30 miles northwest of Denver, the Boulder County Sheriff's Office said in a statement.

"The initial scene investigation suggests each victim suffered a traumatic injury," the sheriff's office said, without elaborating, adding that a murder investigation was under way.

The victims' names and their relationship to one another have not been released, the office said.

The cause and manner of the deaths will be determined later by the county coroner.

Police were called on Saturday at about 7:30 a.m. by a man who said he had not heard from friends living at the house for several days. Authorities, acting under a search warrant, found the victims later in the day. REUTERS

Nine wounded in shooting at Ohio party hall

Nine people were wounded by gunfire on Sunday at an after-hours club in Columbus, Ohio, with injuries ranging from minor to life-threatening, police said.

An argument broke out around 3:20 a.m. inside the J&R Party Hall, Columbus police said in a statement. Five females and four males were shot, the statement said.

"At this point in the investigation there is no information available on the suspect[s]," police said, asking for anyone with information on the case to call.

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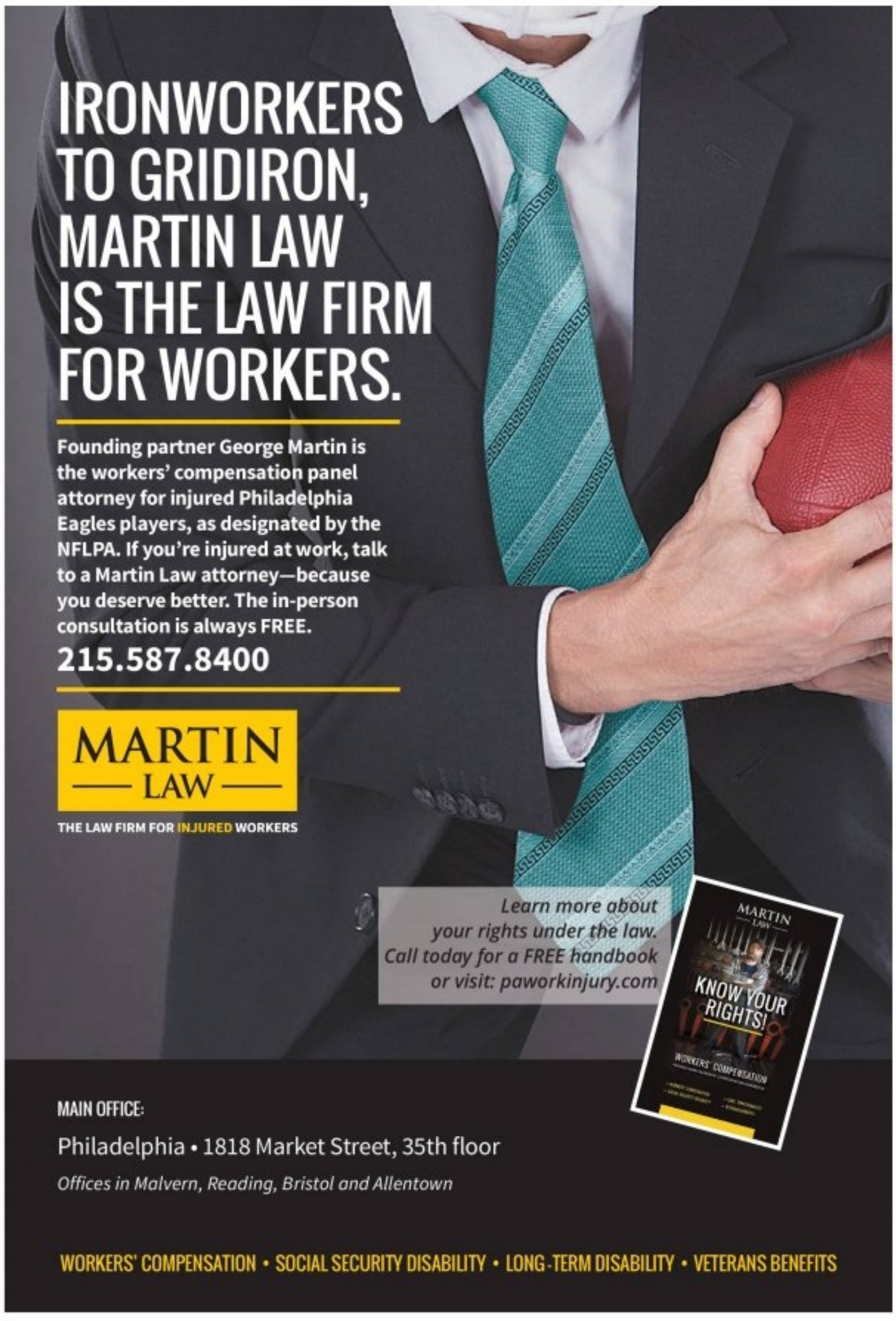
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THE H-WORD

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Opinion

Maybe I'm too even-tempered or I play it too safe. But I think if I were in public service I would never, ever bring up Hitler. Heck, I almost won't mention him in private conversation. Because it never goes well. Either you unfairly impugn someone as being "just as bad" when they are not; or you accidentally give someone a pass for being "not as bad" when maybe they kind of are.

So you can imagine my surprise when White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer invoked the Nazi boss's name this week, lambasting the president of Syria for a savage attack on civilians by saying even Hitler didn't "sink to using chemical weapons."

In the face of the screaming fact that millions of people — primarily Jews — were gassed by the Nazi regime, Spicer's statement was careless, wrong and ridiculous. To his credit, he quickly acknowledged all that and strapped on a hair shirt, but once again the Trump White House was hoisted by its own petard.

In political terms this was a particularly unfortunate mistake. After all, Spicer and his colleagues have practically made a cottage industry out of cleaning up after the president's misstatements. Time and again, President Trump has launched outrageously false claims, or loosed his cannons at undeserving targets, or just tweeted something wacky, sending his defenders scrambling for rhetorical mops and buckets. You'd think that would make Spicer — the main man in the bucket brigade — a little more cautious.

Strangely, Spicer's misstep came after what is roundly being hailed as a militarily solid move by the president. Whether you support it or not, the missile attack on Syria to punish the Assad regime was timely, limited and accompanied by surprisingly muted rhetoric from Mr. Trump. I can well imagine after months of ridicule from their opponents, some of the White Housers went home feeling, if not happy, at least satisfied that they'd handled a grave matter in a grownup way that even mainstream D.C. could respect.

Then this came along.

So, Sean, forget about World War II. Leave Hitler in the history books. Because I've said it before and it still runs true: The worst enemy most White House teams face is themselves.

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Many feared buried as hopes dim after Sri Lanka garbage dump landslide

Hopes faded on Sunday for the survival of an estimated 100 people trapped under the mud and debris of a landslide at a giant garbage dump in the Sri Lankan capital.

Police say the known death toll from the disaster has risen to 26 and emergency workers are to resume their search on Monday after halting late on Sunday night.

The 300-foot-high dump in the Meethotamulla area on the border of the commercial heart of Colombo collapsed after flames engulfed it late on Friday, the nation's new year's day, burying many homes.

Military spokesman Roshan Senivirathna told Reuters that survival was "very unlikely" but the rescue mission involving more than 1,000 emergency workers from defense establishments would continue.

Rescues continue at the site of a collapsed garbage dump. GETTY IMAGES

Authorities are struggling to ascertain the exact number of missing people.

Liyanage Menaka, who lost her house in the disaster, urged the government to provide homes for those who live in danger around the country's biggest garbage pile.

"The lives of more than 100 are lost. What we are asking is [that they] give us a solution and take care of our kids," she told Reuters.

President Maithripala Sirisena has instructed the authorities to ensure financial resources are not an obstacle in the relief operation, his office said in a statement.

The police said they were investigating whether the landslide was natural or man-made. They also said about 145 houses had been damaged.

Residents of the area, mostly living in shanties, had been demanding the removal of the dump, saying it was causing health problems. The government had said it would remove it soon, under an infrastructure plan. REUTERS

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Selena Gomez and The Weeknd's Coachella PDA is a lot

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PDA is the only way to prove that you care about someone. Especially if there are paparazzi around. So Selena Gomez and The Weeknd went to Coachella to go make out. Duh!

The "Wizards of Waverly Place" actress shared a rare picture of her and boyfriend The Weeknd — real name Abel Tesfaye — on Instagram with their arms wrapped around each other. And the kids went wild: The snap has already garnered 5.3 million likes, which, to be honest, is excessive.

"She wants the world to know they're together," a source tells Us Weekly. "She only does that when she's really dating someone." You mean, she only wants people to know she's with someone when … she's with someone? My, my. Kids these days.

I have zero investment in this relationship, but if it's going to give Gomez the social media revenge against Justin Bieber she needs, so be it.

Janet Jackson wants you to know she's totally fine

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Allow Janet Jackson to assure you: Despite all of this divorce drama, everything is A-OK.

The pop icon, who is in the process of divorcing her third husband, took to Twitter to share a photo of her and her 3-month-old son, Eissa Al Mana. I can exclusively confirm, right here and right now, that he is a very good looking baby.

Kind of reeks of an attempted misdirection, doesn't it? I mean, this picture is the first time the 50-year-old has posted to Twitter since November of last year. Is Jackson trying to change the conversation?

If so, her soon to be ex-husband, Wissam Al Mana, is totally in on it. According to E! Online, the Qatari billionaire shared a heartfelt message on his personal website entitled "Love" directed at Jackson. "To the most beautiful person in the world, thank you for your divine love, your eternal support and for being my best friend," he wrote. "I love you so much, inshallah [God willing] we will be together in the Great Forever x." No word yet on why Al Mana has a personal website, or why he's using it as his personal, emo internet diary.

Anyway, that's a nice try, you guys. But a picture of a cute baby and a prose poem are not going to distract us from the delicious drama of your divorce, or the mysterious differences that led to your split.

Meet Britney Spears' not famous, mystery boyfriend

Britney's new beau is just 23. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

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This weekend, Britney Spears shared her attempts at a candid photo of her and her boyfriend, Sam Asghari. The 35-year-old and her boyfriend were spending some time together in Malibu, which doesn't seem particularly exciting, but maybe visiting Malibu is their version of kink.

More importantly, you're probably wondering: Who even is Sam Asghari? Same. Here's what we know about the former Mousketeer's mystery dude.

He's 23 years young.
In March, the pair celebrated Asghari's 23rd birthday with a scenic hike and an Instagram picture. This appears to kind of be their thing.

A younger guy kind of makes sense for Spears who, no shade, sometimes appears to be suspended in a sort of permanent adolescence. But like, in a totally chill way.

They met on the set of her "Slumber Party" video.
The pop star opened up about meeting her beau while making an appearance on Amp 103.7's "Fast in the Morning." According to Just Jared, the two beautiful, boring people bonded over their love of sushi, which is basic AF. "I kept his number, and it was so weird because it was like five months later that I found my number in his bag." That's right. He wrote his number on a piece of paper instead of using his phone. Adorable. "I was like … 'This guy was really cute!' so then I called him." OK!

Spears is right though, he *is* really cute.
Asghari moved to California from Iran nine years ago, and his face is really inoffensive to look at. He's got that classic combination of being young, tall, dark and handsome which is definitely not horrible.

Also he works as a personal trainer slash fitness model slash token hot guy in women's music videos, so. He's kind of living the dream.

This is definitely a win for Spears, and she deserves a win. Well done in catching yourself a hot, young thing, Spears. Not to be lame, but let's hope this relationship is anything but "Toxic," LOL.

Is Nina Dobrev dating Orlando Bloom, and why?

Orlando Bloom, like Johnny Depp before him, has found a new hot young thing to suck the youth out of. Hooray?

People reports that the two relatively attractive actors have decided this is the time to make the ill advised leap from friends to friends with benefits. A source — I'm assuming at this point it was Bloom's 6-year-old son, Flynn — tells the magazine that Bloom, 40, and Nina Dobrev, 28, are definitely not exclusive or anything. "Recently they've been hanging out as more than friends. It's super casual."

Desperate to prove that this relationship is indeed of the super chill variety, the "Elizabethtown" actor was reportedly all over a model named Ashley Haas while Dobrev partied 15 feet away at a Coachella party on Friday. Because it's not like, disrespectful. It's just like, casual.

And he's young and virile and definitely not past his prime, and he just needs everyone to know that, OK?

Bloom most recently dated Katy Perry, and they were the kind of couple you try to avoid at all costs. Dobrev, former star of "The Vampire Diaries," dated Ian Somerhalder, 38, for several years before splitting in 2013. So older dudes are kinda her thing.

Oh, and by the way? "Elizabethtown" was a major flop and is one of the worst films I've ever seen.

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The Bond girl who told Hollywood to suck it

Gemma Arterton vastly prefers to make small films, like the World War II drama "Their Finest."

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Gemma Arterton plays a screenwriter working on an inspirational English propaganda film during World War II in "Their Finest," now in theaters. STX ENTERTAINMENT

You might know Gemma Arterton as a Bond girl. When she started out, the English actress appeared in blockbusters like "Quantum of Solace," "Clash of the Titans," "Prince of Persia," even "Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters." She doesn't do those anymore. For the past five years, she's turned herself from Hollywood's next "It" girl into a serious and respected thespian who makes indies, in England and even in France. In fact, she just headlined George Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan" in London.

This month, she's staring in "Their Finest," a docudrama that focuses on the English film industry during World War II. She plays a screenwriter hired to pen the female dialogue for a propaganda film — not an evil propaganda film, like you'd see made by today's American administration, but one meant to raise morale and inspire optimism among the English population as their country is blitzed by Axis powers.

The film they're making in "The Finest" is kind of like, if you'll allow the comparison, "Moonlight" meets "La La Land": It's socially conscious but it also wants to be mainstream entertainment.

It's what they say in the film: "authenticity infused with optimism." You want people to feel something they can relate to, but is also optimistic.

It's interesting how films come out and then an event will happen that makes it seem really relevant. I did this small film last year called "The Girl With All the Gifts," which came out after Brexit. It's all about people turning against foreigners and people who are different from them. It came out and it just felt so relevant. That's the weird thing about art.

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They take so long to make that there's no way to know what will happen before they come out. Then they seem to speak to the times, but by accident.

There's no way we could have known what was going to happen. I Just did a production of "Saint Joan" in London, and we decided to set it in the financial district now. When I'm on trial, all these men in suits are trying me. It felt so relevant after the election, and with what was going on with women in America speaking out. But we had decided to do it in that style six months before the election happened. People kept coming to see it and saying, "It's so relevant!"

You almost exclusively work in independent and even French films now, which is a shock to those who know you from blockbusters, like "Quantum of Solace," "Prince of Persia" and "Clash of the Titans."

Yeah, it's been quite a shift. It's been a really good shift, though. I wasn't very happy or at all fulfilled. It's like when you have loads of crap in your room. You just throw it out, and then you can see clearer. That's how I felt. I didn't need all of that crap, and it wasn't serving me. Now I can see properly and I've got space. It's much better that way.

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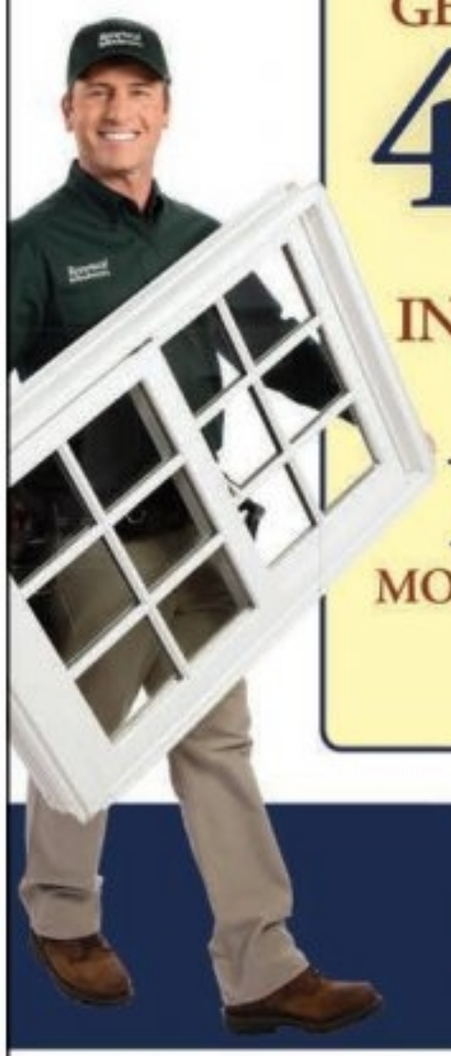

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Carrie Coon is one to watch in 'The Leftovers' and 'Fargo'

The actress stars in two of the season's most anticipated dramas.

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Carrie Coon as police chief Gloria Burgle on Season 3 of "Fargo," premiering Wed., April 19 on FX. FX

Coon also stars as Nora Durst on 'The LefTovers,' which premiered its third and final season Sunday night. HBO

Carrie Coon calls in from Calgary, Canada, on an early spring day when it's not quite cold enough so "the poor bastards" have to truck snow down from the mountains and wheelbarrow it all over the set.

She's wrapping "Fargo" Season 3, Noah Hawley's true crime anthology inspired by the Coen Brothers' 1996 film, which of course requires a heavy blanket of snow to get the full effect of characters mired in both the landscape and quandaries of their own making.

The actress has a leading role as police chief Gloria Burgle, a stoic single mother Coon describes as "the least Minnesota nice of the Minnesota nice sheriffs," after the film's Marge Gunderson (Frances McDormand) and "Fargo" Season 1's Detective Molly Solverson (Allison Tolman).

The 36-year-old also returns to "The Leftovers," which premiered its third and final season Sunday. In Damon Lindelof's apocalyptic drama, she stars opposite Justin Theroux as Nora Durst, a grief-stricken woman who struggles to make sense of a world that has mysteriously disappeared her husband and children, along with 140 million others.

On the surface, the shows don't have much in common, but I have felt they both depict doomed characters in hopeless situations. When I mention this to Coon, she laughs.

"I don't see it that way at all! Both of these shows reveal more about the viewer than they do any of us. Are you feeling doomed and hopeless, Kate?"

The Chicago native, whom you probably recognize as Ben Affleck's sister in "Gone Girl," says ultimately, both series are about how resilience gets people through the most maddening of circumstances. That reminder couldn't come at a better time.

"The Leftovers" has an apocalyptic bent, and with each season of "Fargo," you know things

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are bound to go wrong.
They share moral ambiguity. Noah [Hawley] and Damon [Lindelof] are similar. They're both very fine alembics for the time we're living in. In some ways I feel that the world has caught up with "The Leftovers." It's about collective grief and how we make meaning, and I feel that a lot of the people I know and love are really struggling to do that right now. Likewise, Noah is perfectly willing to put these characters we care about into challenging circumstances and the viewers watch them try to make sense of the world that they're in. There's never a pure moral victory in "Fargo." The hero is always flawed and they never win without a cost.

Any comparison between Gloria and Nora?
They both don't suffer fools. They have a kind of phlegmatic steadiness — although we see what happens with Nora of course is that that's bottled up. You're less likely to see Gloria explode. They both have a kind of abstemiousness; they're not self-indulgent people, these two. And I like to think I bring a sense of humor to my work even in the most serious worlds I'm moving through. Nora has a sly sense of humor and likewise Gloria has that sarcasm. My people in the Midwest have it, anyhow.

Right, you are Midwestern!
These are my people, through and through. This kind of stoicism and this quality of believing that bad things don't happen to good people and that there's a way to make sense of the world around us. That's definitely a hallmark of the place I grew up. Gloria's looking for a logical explanation for what's happening. And if the world is meaningless, that undermines her sense of purpose entirely.

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Will we get any answers this final season of "The Leftovers"?
I found the ending — where we leave Nora — very satisfying. I love the kind of atavistic perspective we bring to the show by going down to Australia. There's a clash of cultures really, of the primitive roots of our spiritual life and the Judeo-Christian ethic we've been dealing with. For me that mystery is really stimulating. Nora is discovering the place just as we are. It could have been a really explosive, shocking ending, and instead the ending they chose is deeply personal and specific and about relationships. If you were to talk to [Damon] about his own world view, [he'd likely say] the meaning gets made between people, and that trumps everything else.

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RuPaul: 'Learning to love yourself is the most important thing'

Figuring out our personal motivations makes us human.

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The world's most famous and successful drag queen, RuPaul, premieres the eighth season of "RuPaul's Drag Race" on April 22 on VH1. He chats with us about the most concerning battle facing the LGBT community and how he stays centered in a world of Trump and division.

How do you keep the show fresh?

That's thanks to the participants. They are really the soul of the program. With their energy and freshness, they are the ones that have kept the show in force all this time. It is very interesting to meet them because many come from small towns from the U.S., where they have had to fight their own battles and demonstrate that they can live on their own terms. So, when they arrive to the show, they're superheroes and that's what makes them special in my eyes.

Do you remember any particular story?

Yes, in this eighth season Kim Chini, the queen of Korea, talked about her problems in a very funny way, acting them out and that was a great moment. Now we have many queens who are internet stars — that is, they know about make-up, costumes but they do not have experience on a catwalk, acting or live presentations. So watching them evolve into more complete artists is a lot of fun.

The LGBT community continues to face many battles, which concerns you most?

The same one that every human being faces, which is not a gay right but a human right, and that is why everyone must rise. Beyond laws, we must discover that we have more in common with each other than what we believe. I believe that the greatest misunderstanding of human beings is believing that we are separated from one another or that we are different from each other. We are a single entity, and people forget that very easily and that is what hurts my heart. And if you think about it, it's the same thing that hurts us all. We are not separate.

RuPaul in and out of costume. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

What is the message you would like to convey to younger people?

The same message I have had from the beginning: Learning to love yourself is the most important thing you can do in your life. Learn what you are, what makes you happy, what moves you, what motivates you to get out of bed and pursue it. What motivates me is love, laughter, beauty, dance, acting. Discovering those personal motivations is what makes us human.

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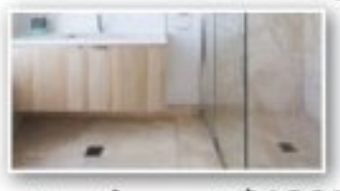

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CAKE Comedians Abbi Crutchfield, Kaytlin Bailey, Carrie Gravenson and Erin Judge come to Philadelphia for one night only. PROVIDED

An upcoming comedy tour will prove to audiences the power of women in comedy as well as crowdfunding. The all-female CAKE Comedy Tour will make Philadelphia one of its many East Coast stops on Monday, April 24.

"CAKE" is an acronym consisting of the four performers' first names: Carrie (Gravenson), Abbi (Crutchfield), Kaytlin (Bailey) and Erin (Judge). The comedians have been touring for five years and have been featured on Comedy Central, NBC and Funny or Die. Despite such an impressive collective résumé, the tour still has trouble landing lucrative spots in major cities.

As a result, the women took to crowdfunding site Kickstarter. In five U.S. cities, a $1,000 Kickstarter campaign was launched to bring the CAKE tour to town. Incentives ranged from shoutouts to free tickets to the show.

"If we didn't sell enough tickets, we simply wouldn't do the show," Bailey says. "It turns out a lot of people donated from all over the country. There is a real appetite for women in comedy. We can prove it, with money!"

Indeed, the CAKE Tour realized its $1,000 goal in each city: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Nashville and Asheville, North Carolina.

"With this new model, we know our basic costs are covered well in advance," Judge says. "We can still sell tickets right up to show time, but knowing enough fans are invested to bring us to town in the first place is a huge plus."

Not only does the CAKE Tour demonstrate the power of crowdfunding, it plays a pivotal role in showcasing female comedians. At each stop, including Philadelphia, local female comedians will join the CAKE performers onstage.

Philadelphia will mark the tour's first stop after its premiere at the Women in Comedy Festival in Boston. It will be presented at the Good Good Comedy Theater in Chinatown, which itself was a 2016 crowdfunding success story.

After Philadelphia, the CAKE Tour will visit its four other crowdfunded cities, and then move on to Indianapolis, Raleigh and Atlanta, before concluding the tour with a special show in their home base of New York.

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Now that Hedwig — the titular trans punk rocker of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" — is over 20 years old, the subject of a film musical as well as Broadway and touring productions like the one heading to the Forrest Theatre (April 18-23), is she part of the universal theater vanguard, like Shakespeare's Hamlet, Falstaff or Iago?

Erudite "Hedwig" co-creator and original actor John Cameron Mitchell would like to think so.

After having played Hedwig since 1994's debut at NYC's Squeezebox nightclub, during its 1998 Off-Broadway run and 2015's Broadway revival, he sees casting the role — feathered wig, glossy lipstick and all — as gender and racially blind. "Just like in Shakespeare," he says. "We've had a young Hedwig in Darren Criss (from "Glee"), seasoned pros in Michael C. Hall and Neil Patrick Harris, a woman in Lena Hall, which we were afraid of because, you know, this transmovement... Any race or gender can play Hedwig. It has thusly entered the canon. We even did her in North Carolina where we mentioned the governor's anti-trans bathroom bill."

John Cameron Mitchell NICK VOGELSON

Currently on the road with "Taboo" actor Euan Horton ("a Godsend"), Mitchell says those who tackle Hedwig must have crazy chops and embody the femme role (an East Berliner glam-punk on tour in the U.S., whose transgender assignment is an accident) as "believably as possible, not passing as a woman, but as gender-fluid."

Being comfortable in the role helps; but so does being uncomfortable: "Remember, Hedwig was forced to be trans."

Mitchell says any and all comers must be able to nail Borscht Belt humor and British wordplay ("my mother was English") and be able to do the all-dancing, all-singing no-intermission rock-out musical with dynamism and energy. "Hell, Shakespeare never even had to do all this in heels."

Stepping back into the past of "Hedwig," Mitchell says the groundbreaking musical written with Stephen Trask has aged sensationally well because the pair imitated nothing and followed no trends of the mid-'90s. "The only thing that was going on at that time was grunge, which was cool because we loved Lou Reed, David Bowie and John Lennon. No one at that time had really ever successfully merged punk rock with theater, so we were our own alternate universe."

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Taking a gap year is back in the spotlight — and you can thank President Barack Obama's daughter, Malia. The 18-year-old is set to spend the year interning for Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein before attending Harvard University.

Of course, she's not the first one to dive into the idea, but she might be on to something.

The idea of taking a break to travel or volunteer without the burden of academic schedules is an alluring concept for high school students. And that's not because they're ditching the textbooks and hitting the beach, says Ryan Pendoley, founder and CEO of Thinking Beyond Borders, a gap-year program. "There's a lot of fear for parents and for students that a gap year is some kind of a glorified vacation or that it's going to be a distraction from academic success and graduating from college," he explains. But none of that is true. "The research shows that students actually perform better in college and get more out of school when they take a well-structured gap year."

While the programs themselves can take various forms — volunteer work, internships abroad, or even part-time jobs — the main idea is simple: Students benefit from this unrestricted exploration outside the classroom.

We spoke with Pendoley and the executive director of the American Gap Association, Ethan Knight, to find out how:

Stand out from the pack

Noting a gap year on your resume is a great way to highlight your individuality, says Knight. The "gap-year conversation" also usually ends up taking the bulk of the interview, he explains, "because it's the most interesting thing that you've done."

While other students might have been a part of school clubs and kept straight A's, there aren't many students who can say they traveled to India to volunteer in community health clinics. In that sense, "It's a way to demonstrate that there's much more dimension to you, and that you might have more to contribute to the workforce, to your team and, just as importantly, that you have understanding of different cultures," he explains.

Plus, with an overwhelming number of people entering the workforce with a bachelor's degree, "you have to do something even more distinguishable — something that shows who you are and what you're going to bring to that company or organization," says Knight.

Discover your interests

"I like to think of a gap year, in its highest evolution, as a way of trying to figure out if [your career choice] is actually what you would enjoy doing every day," says Knight. By getting hands-on experience — all aspects of a gap year incorporate some element of "learning by doing" — students essentially get to experiment with a career before they buy into it, he explains. That could mean working at a technology startup and discovering your passion for coding, or volunteering in the public-health sector and realizing you want to go pursue nursing.

It could also be a rude awakening to the nature of certain careers. "The classic analogy is, I want to major in marine biology, but it's not until the end of my junior year that I realize that marine biology is mostly lab work, there's very little time in the ocean. But now I'm two years into my bachelor's degree with a mountain of debt, and it's like, 'Well, I've got to stay on course," he explains. "Wouldn't it have been nice to know that earlier?"

Gain real-world perspective

While much of our college time is spent studying theories, says Pendoley, "a gap year is a way to go out and get real-world context for those theories." In other words, it's a way to turn textbook knowledge into reality, he explains.

That means truly delving into issues and watching them unfold. Knight uses the example of environmental theory: "We can talk about environmentalism, but it's not until you go overseas to a heavily deforested area where you're planting trees and talking to locals that you begin to understand the complexity and interrelation of everything."

And this real-world knowledge later finds its way into the college classroom, Pendoley says. By the time you get to college, "you're not just taking one theoretical thinker and bouncing off the ideas of another, and then trying to incorporate some interesting piece of that into your papers," he explains. "You're actually bringing your own experience from the field into the conversation."

JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

The demand for psychiatrists is continuing to grow. ISTOCK

A psychiatrist's salary isn't the only perk of the job

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The United States has a huge shortage in the field.

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Those who are interested in the human element of medical care and the emotional rewards that come from interacting with patients might want to consider a career in psychiatry. And that's only one benefit of entering the field, which is slated to rapidly expand to meet the increase in demand for mental-health services.

We spoke to Dr. Tristan Gorrindo, a practicing psychiatrist and the director of education at the American Psychiatric Association to find out more about the profession.

What does a psychiatrist do?
Psychiatrists are physicians who work to treat disorders that affect the brain, says Gorrindo. "That can span the range from emotional related disorders all the way through substance abuse and other behavioral disorders," he says.

"They're really thinking about mental illness in the context of the entire physical body." They make diagnoses and come up with treatment plans that can include talk therapy, medications or psychosocial interventions.

What schooling do you need to become a psychiatrist?
After completing their undergraduate program, prospective psychiatrists have to take the Medical College Admission Test, and then complete four years of medical school, says Gorrindo.

Then comes a residency in psychiatry, which is a minimum of four years — and that's only the beginning.

"If they want to specialize in child psychiatry for example, that's an additional two years, or addictions, that's another year," he says.

"I used to tell my family that I was finally going to graduate from 25th grade," says Gorrindo. "It's a long road, but a good road."

What's the typical salary for a psychiatrist?
The median annual salary for psychiatrist is $187,200 according to the most recent reports by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The best-paid 10 percent in the profession made $194,000, while the lowest-paid 10 percent made $61,3300.

Is it hard to find employment?
"It turns out the United States has a huge shortage of psychiatrists, so it is not difficult at all to get a job after you complete your residency," says Gorrindo.

In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics expects the profession to grow 15 percent from 2014 to 2024, resulting in 4,200 new jobs — which can be attributed to the growing number of patients with mental-health issues.

The pros
According to Gorrindo, the best part of psychiatry is that "we still get to spend a significant amount of time with our patients and really get to know them and their life story.

"Many times you're really connected to your patient for months, or even years, and so getting to see your patients get better, re-engage in the world and get their lives back on track is very rewarding," he says. "It's one of the things that I'm most grateful for."

The cons
One of the biggest issues psychiatrists face is the stigma surrounding mental illness, Gorrindo says.

Not only does that keep people from seeking care, but it contributes to inequity in the health-care system.

"Sometimes insurance companies have special sets of rules for treating mental-health conditions that they don't have for treating more traditional medical illnesses, so we're constantly having to fight those kind of administrative battles."

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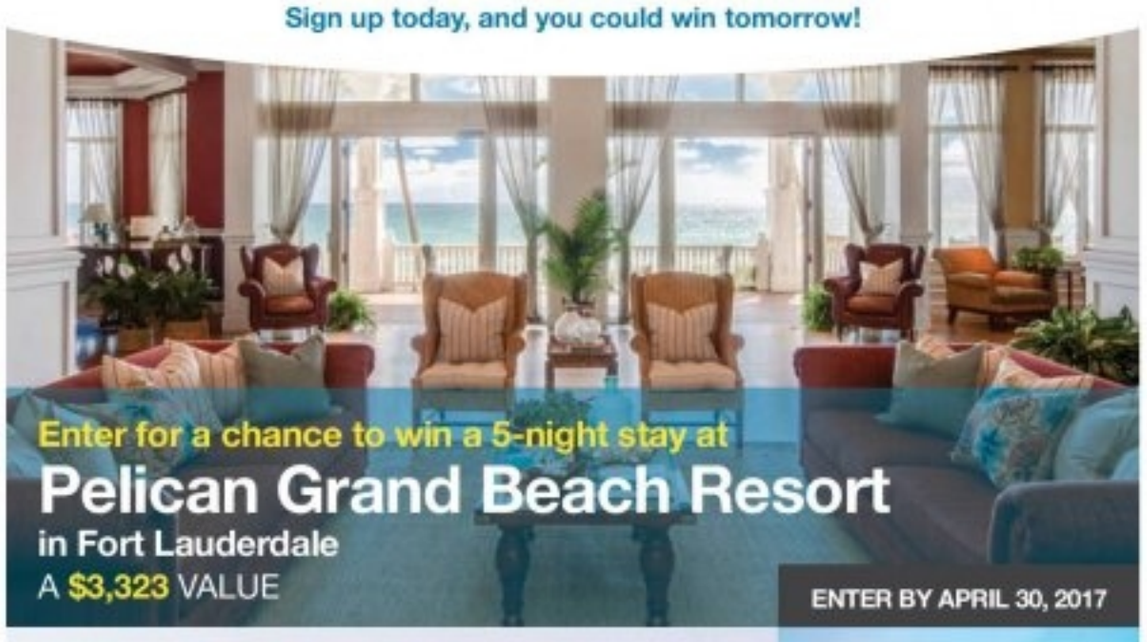

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These camps offer great programs. ISTOCK

5 Of the best camps in Philadelphia

From coding to rock climbing — they have it all.

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Summer's almost here, which means your kids are ready to begin their sun-filled free-for-all. But that doesn't mean they need to wreak havoc on your work agenda. We've rounded up five of the best Philadelphia summer camps that'll keep your kids engaged, active and out of your hair.

Franklin Institute Discovery Camp

This 12-week summer session for kids from pre-K to 9th grade teaches campers all about the different STEM fields through hands-on experiments and projects. "Mini molecules" (those from pre-K to second grade) will learn about outer space and basic physics with weekly themes like "Blast Off" and "Spin, Swing, Slide." "Excited Electrons" (campers entering grades seven-nine) tackle coding and learn about natural disasters during "Tech Studio" and "Disaster Lab" week.

Malvern Day Camp

This day camp for children ages 5 to 14 offers all of the activities parents would expect from traditional day camp — sports, arts and crafts, and swimming — and then some. The 15-acre camp located on park-like grounds also has an indoor rock-climbing station, a go-kart racetrack and a water park. Parents can select between a three-, four- or five-day camp week and build a schedule that best fits their child's needs.

Benchmark School Summer Camp

This five-week summer language-arts camp is designed for students ages 6-12 who could benefit from some reading and writing instruction but still want to have some summer fun. The camp combines its nationally recognized language-arts program with recreational activities like swimming, arts and crafts, and sports. The best part: At the very end, students will complete a 35-event "Confidence Course" that culminates in a 40-foot-high, 250-foot-long zip wire.

Kids on 12th

Beginning immediately after school ends, this summer camp for children ages 3 to 11 features weekly themed activities that offer a continuous change-up throughout the entire summer. Kids will begin the first week de-stressing from the school year with a variety of "anything goes" activities, then start on a more structured schedule with themes like, "Sculpture Week," "Science Week," and "Olympics Week." They'll also enjoy walking trips to parks and playgrounds, "Urban Hikes" exploring the nooks and crannies of the city, sports, special events and weekly field trips.

iD Tech Camp

This summer-long program offers hands-on, high-energy day and overnight camps for tech-savvy kids ages 6 to 18. Camp-goers will learn to develop iPhone and Android apps, program with C++ and Java, and design and learn the basics of creating video games and building robots. They'll also receive individualized attention, with no more than eight students per instructor, make new friends and perhaps, even discover their passion for a future career.

Campers benefit from being outdoors and disconnected from technology. ISTOCK

Why you should send your child to summer camp

It's not only fun and games.

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If you thought summer camp was only about the fun, then think again. Between the long bouts of no technology, to the communication skills gained from interacting with other children, there's actually a lot to be gained from the experience.

We spoke to Susie Lupert, the executive director of the American Camp Association, New York and New Jersey, to find out the benefits of sending your child to camp.

Boosts confidence

From learning to go down a zip line for the first time or tackling swimming 10 laps across a lake, camp helps builds a tremendous amount of confidence, says Lupert. After all, camp is all about learning new things and taking healthy risks. "They're designed to give a child a sense that what they're doing might be a little bit scary or different than what they're used to, but that it's a safe space to do that." Plus, without constant parental supervision — children are typically away from their parents for quite a while, many of them overnight or for weeks at a time — they also foster a strong sense of independence. "They eventually learn how to make decisions and rely on themselves as opposed to their parents, which really builds confidence."

Break from technology

In a world where children are constantly consumed by their digital devices, camp has become the break from technology that kids so desperately need, says Lupert. "[At camp] students aren't spending their time texting. They're actually talking, making eye contact and using real face-to-face communication, which is not occurring during the rest of their life," she explains. While certain camps might have programs that involve some sort of screen time — ones that offer say, a photography or coding course — the majority of camps do not allow students to use any devices, says Lupert. It's actually an "unrecognized gem," she explains. "To be able to force that break is key for a child's development. It has to happen, and fortunately, it's really only happening at camps."

Gain life skills

Between learning how to get over their initial homesickness to being forced to interact and make new friends, campers ultimately learn to be resilient and overcome obstacles, says Lupert. They also learn how to work on teams and cooperate with others, skills that are becoming increasingly more important in today's world, she explains. "Employers aren't interested in people who can just take standardized tests," says Lupert. "They want people who have grit and determination, and understand what it means to work in a team, which are all skills you can learn at camp."

It's fun

At the end of the day, camp embodies the very idea of summer fun, says Lupert, and after working hard all year, that's exactly what students need. "During the school year, there's this lack of understanding about the importance of play," she explains. But kids are supposed to be getting their hands dirty, trying to climb that rock wall or learn that new game, she continues. In that sense, "camp gives children this really valuable thing that we don't value so much anymore," says Lupert, "which is just, 'Let kids just be kids.' "

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Time is running out for Flyers' core

How much longer will the Flyers keep the faith in their current core of veteran players?

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Jake Voracek didn't mince words or sugarcoat them.

When questioned about whether or not he's concerned that general manager Ron Hextall might shake up the core of the team, he was, in no certain terms, blunt.

"We have what, won one series against Pittsburgh [in 2012] in six years, right?" he said last week as players cleaned out their lockers. "It's not good enough. We're in our prime years and have to make sure that we step up our game, get this team to the playoffs and start winning series. If we don't, it is going to get broken up."

The core of captain Claude Giroux, Wayne Simmonds, Sean Couturier, Brayden Schenn and Voracek has been together for almost six years. During the stretch, the Flyers have made the playoffs only twice and have missed out on the postseason in three of the last five seasons.

It's fair to ask: Is the front office's confidence in the group waning? Well, they didn't exactly get a ringing endorsement.

"Will it stay together? I don't know," Hextall said at his end of the year news conference. "If we'd have won a couple rounds of playoffs there's obviously a better chance of them staying together. Does that mean it's not going to stay together? I don't know what's going to come our way."

The core isn't getting any younger, either. Giroux turns 30 next season, and Simmonds and Voracek are in their late 20s. Schenn and Couturier will be 26 and 25, respectively, and just entering the prime of their careers.

Will the Flyers roster, as we know it, undergo significant changes this offseason? GETTY IMAGES

"When you don't make the playoffs, when you don't meet your expectations, change might happen," Giroux said. "But at the end of the day, it's not up to us. For us, it's to keep working. We like our team, we like our group."

While the core will likely get at least one more year together, the supporting cast should look a bit different next year. A handful of Phantoms, such as defensemen Sam Morin and Robert Hagg, and forward Oskar Lindblom, are expected to join the team. Plus, Jordan Weal, who joined the Flyers late as a call-up, and Valterri Filppula, who came via a trade in March, will get full seasons with the Flyers.

"We'll probably have a little bit of turnover," Simmonds said. "There are a lot of younger guys in Lehigh that are high on the radar and they're really good players."

Will it be enough, though?

"I really think that we're not that far off," Giroux said.

For the sake of keeping the core together, he better be right.

"Am I happy with the team? No, I'm not," Hextall said. "How can you be, right? We missed the playoffs and, again, we were capable. I don't know one way or the other whether there's going to be change."

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When will each Philadelphia sports team next make playoffs, win titles?

What are the playoff and championship ETAs for the Flyers, Phillies, Eagles and Sixers?

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Being optimistic is not easy.

The mantra among Philly sports fans — the ones brave enough to watch their futile slew of pro teams through any lens other than between their fingers after 22 combined seasons without a playoff series win accumulate further — is that good times are ahead.

An influx of youth and potential has each of Philadelphia's four major sports squads poised to return to competitiveness on some kind of palatable time frame, ranging from two to five years.

The wait has been hard, and judging expectations can be difficult.

Each team has given flashes; the Phillies' start to the 2016 season and pitching prowess, the Flyers' 10-game win streak, the Eagles' 3-0 start in 2016 and the Sixers' months of January and February when they were the most entertaining team on NBA League Pass.

But all four squads predictably returned to losing form in short order.

How long will we be forced to wait until there's a team that commands the city's collective attention as the 2008 World Champion Phillies did?

Can soon to be sophomore quarterback Carson Wentz get the Eagles in the playoffs this year?

The Flyers

Playoffs ETA: Next season
Championship ETA: 2020

It's hard to tell what Philly has in the Flyers. There are two teams here. First is the core, the competent and exciting group of forwards in Claude Giroux, Wayne Simmonds, Jakub Voracek and Brayden Schenn. And then there's the up and comers, like Shayne Gostisbehere, Ivan Provorov, Sam Morin, Travis Konecny and others.

The problem is the spaces in between. Are players like Sean Couturier, Steve Mason and Michael Del Zotto the right pieces to help the team contend?

Judging from the recent haul of draft picks, success is going to come soon. There is too much talent for it not to. The challenge seems to lie more with general manager Ron Hextall in his attempt to piece together a roster that can work.

The Sixers

Playoffs ETA: 2018-19
Championship ETA: 2021-22

Ben Simmons hasn't yet played an NBA game, but he's finally fully healthy. Joel Embiid had knee surgery before the end of the season, but had one of the most memorable 31-game rookie stints of all time. Dario Saric played like the NBA's de facto Rookie of the Year and Brett Brown somehow got 28 wins out of a team that fielded only seven healthy players at season's end. And the team

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Philly needs to find a starting cornerback duo, a young running back, a young wide receiver (or two) and reliable depth at nearly every other position.

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The Phillies

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The optimistic Phillies fan has a lot to be excited about. Like the Sixers and Flyers, there are a lot of high-ceiling players in the prospect pipeline, but prospects are unreliable and unpredictable. The makings of a core of the future exist in Maikel Franco, Odubel Herrera, J.P. Crawford, Nick Williams (both in Triple-A) and Mickey Moniak (in Single-A). The makings of a solid pitching staff exist in Aaron Nola, Vince Velasquez, Jerad Eickhoff and Jake Thompson (in Triple-A).

Any guess as to how they'll develop into everyday MLB players is just that, a guess, but baseball's 162-game schedule seems to encourage more parity and an additional wild card spot means that a few games over .500 puts any team in a playoff race.

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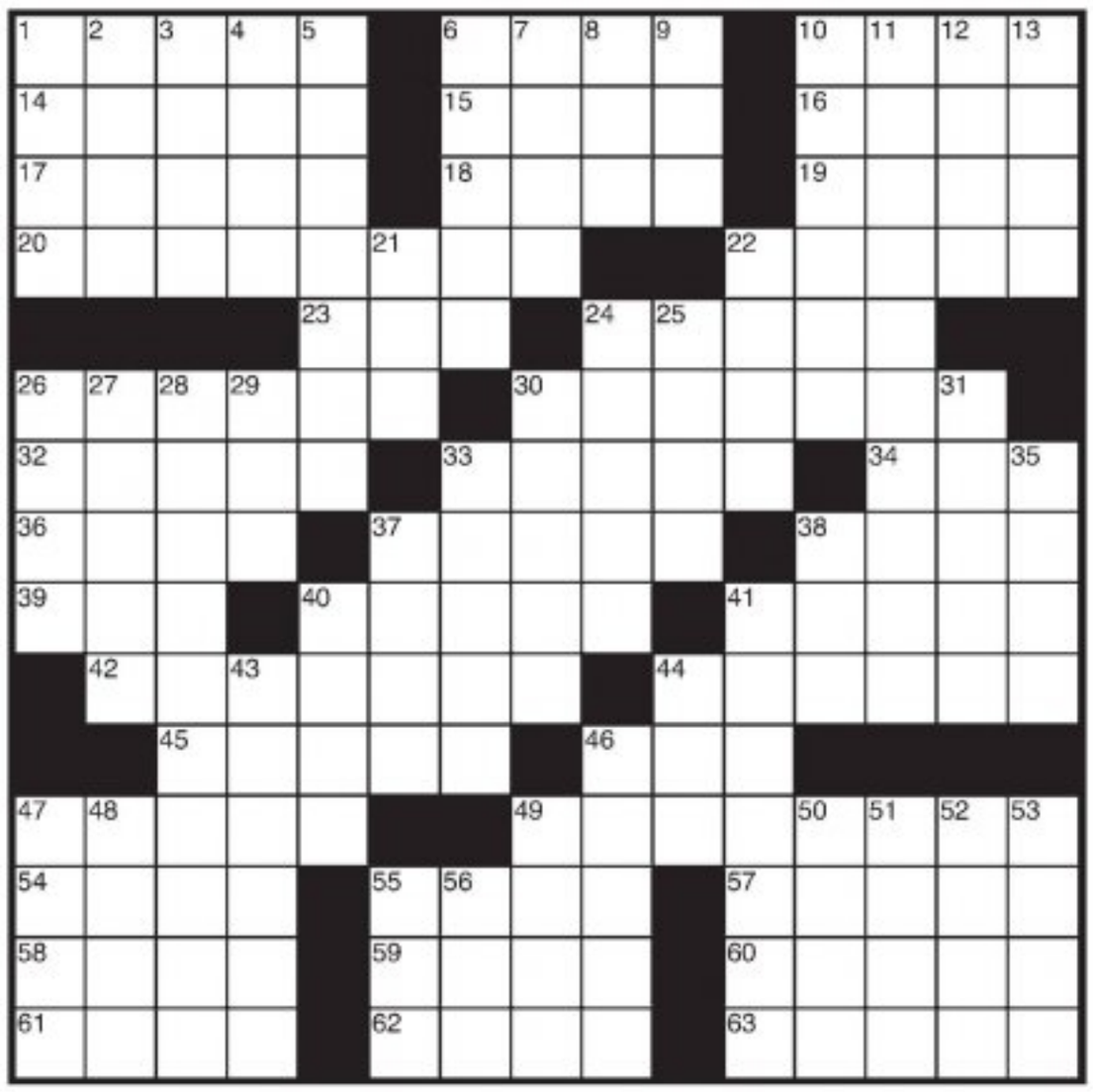

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Gemini Look at what you have, not at what you lack. It's up to you to choose how to live. Don't let others make choices for you. Do what makes you happy.

Cancer Don't worry about what others are doing. Stay focused on what's important to you. Live in the moment and surround yourself with the things and people that matter.

Leo Get work out of the way before you tend to personal matters. Someone will pressure you if you make a promise without delivering on it.

Virgo Set high standards and live up to your promises. You have plenty to gain if you maintain a positive attitude and are open to unusual approaches.

Libra Ask before you make changes at home that might not sit well with a partner or someone you live with. Getting the green light will help you avoid a setback.

Scorpio Choose to put greater emphasis on personal pursuits, romance and relationships. The less communication with your colleagues, employer or institutions, the better.

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